

Indicators to the Convention of the Rights of the Child in Western and Central Africa

Country	Total population (thousands) 2007	Population under 18 (thousands) 2007	Birth registration (%) 1999-2007*		UNDP Development Index, ranking on a total of 177 countries 2007-2008	GDP per capita, average annual growth rate (%), 1990-2007	Life expectancy at birth (years) 2007	Infant mortality rate (under 1) 2007	Under-5 mortality rate 2007	Under-5 mortality rank (on a total of 192 countries) 2008	Maternal mortality ratio†, adjusted 2005	Maternal mortality ratio‡ Lifetime risk of maternal death. 1 in: 2005	Infants with low birthweight (%) 2000-2007*		population using improved drinking water sources, (%) 2006		population using adequate sanitation facilities, (%) 2006		Estimated number of children (0-14 years) living with HIV (thousands) 2007	Primary school enrolment ratio net 2000-2007*		Secondary school enrolment ratio net 2000-2007*		Youth (15-24 years) literacy rate 2000-2007*		Total adult literacy rate 2000-2007*		Child labour (5-14 years) (%) 1999-2007*		Child marriage (%) 1998-2007*		Female genital mutilation/ cutting women (a) (15-49 years) 2002-2007*		Female genital mutilation/ cutting daughters (b) total 2002-2007*	
			urban	rural									male	female	male	female	male	female		male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female	male	female
Benin	9033	4 553	68	56	163	1,3	56	78	123	25	840	20	15	78	57	59	11	5	87	73	23	11	63	41	41	47	45	19	47	9	15	2			
Burkina Faso	14784	7 778	86	58	176	2,5	52	104	191	7	700	22	16	97	66	41	6	10	52	42	14	10	47	33	29	46	48	29	61	76	71	25			
Cameroon	18549	8 909	86	58	144	0,6	50	87	148	18	1000	24	11	88	47	58	42	45	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	72	59	68	31	30	23	57	1	2	1			
Cape Verde	530	242	n/a	n/a	102	3,3	72	24	32	84	210	120	13	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	88	87	56	63	97	98	84	4	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Central African Republic	4343	2 137	72	36	171	-0,8	44	113	172	12	980	25	13	90	51	40	25	14	53	38	13	9	70	47	49	44	49	57	64	21	29	7			
Chad	10781	5 690	36	3	170	2,4	51	124	209	3	1500	11	22	71	40	23	4	19	71	50	16	5	56	23	26	54	51	65	73	47	44	21			
Congo	3768	1 825	88	75	139	-0,2	55	79	125	24	740	22	13	95	35	19	21	7	58	52	n/a	n/a	99	98	87	24	25	24	40	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	62636	33 784	30	36	168	-4,3	46	108	161	15	1100	12	12	82	29	42	25	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	78	63	67	29	34	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Côte d'Ivoire	19262	9 271	79	41	166	-0,7	48	89	127	22	810	27	17	98	66	38	12	52	61	49	25	14	n/a	40	49	36	34	27	43	34	39	9			
Equatorial Guinea	507	247	43	24	127	21,1	51	124	206	4	680	28	13	45	42	60	46	1	91	83	n/a	n/a	95	95	87	28	28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Gabon	1331	555	90	87	119	-0,7	57	60	91	40	520	53	14	95	47	37	30	2	88	88	n/a	n/a	98	96	86	n/a	n/a	30	49	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Gambia	1709	803	57	54	155	0,2	59	82	109	34	690	32	20	91	81	50	55	1	59	64	40	37	63	41	n/a	20	29	24	45	72	83	64			
Ghana	23478	10 553	69	42	135	2,1	60	73	115	30	560	45	9	90	71	15	6	17	73	71	47	43	80	76	65	34	34	15	28	2	6	1			
Guinea	9370	4 656	78	33	160	1,3	56	93	150	17	910	19	12	91	59	33	12	6	77	66	35	20	59	34	30	26	24	45	75	94	96	57			
Guinea-Bissau	1695	918	53	33	175	-2,6	46	118	198	5	1100	13	24	82	47	48	26	2	53	37	11	6	94	87	65	41	37	14	32	39	48	35			
Liberia	3750	2 017	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,9	45	93	133	20	1200	12	n/a	72	52	49	7	3	40	39	22	13	68	76	56	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Mali	12337	6 721	75	45	173	2,2	54	117	196	6	970	15	19	86	48	59	39	9	68	54	n/a	n/a	36	23	23	35	33	60	77	81	87	69			
Mauritania	3124	1 443	75	42	137	0,6	64	75	119	27	820	22	n/a	70	54	44	10	1	78	82	16	15	70	63	56	5	3	27	44	60	84	66			
Niger	14226	7 724	71	25	174	-0,6	57	83	176	11	1800	7	27	91	32	27	3	3	56	40	12	7	53	26	30	43	43	42	84	2	2	1			
Nigeria	148093	75 065	52	25	158	1,2	47	97	189	8	1100	18	14	65	30	35	25	220	68	59	28	23	89	85	72	n/a	n/a	27	52	28	14	10			
Sao Tome and Principe	158	76	70	67	123	n/a	65	64	99	38	n/a	n/a	8	88	83	29	18	n/a	97	98	31	34	95	96	88	8	7	31	37	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Senegal	12379	5 998	75	44	156	1,1	63	59	114	31	980	21	19	93	65	54	9	3	71	70	23	18	59	44	43	24	21	23	55	22	34	20			
Sierra Leone	5866	2 889	62	44	177	-0,4	42	155	262	1	2100	8	24	83	32	20	5	4	n/a	n/a	27	19	64	44	38	49	48	34	66	86	97	35			
Togo	6 585	3 260	93	69	152	-0,2	58	65	100	37	510	38	12	86	40	24	3	10	86	75	30	14	84	64	53	29	30	15	36	4	7	1			
World	6 655 406	#####	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,4	68	47	64	n/a	400	92	14	96	78	79	45	2 000	90	87	58	57	90	85	81	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Least developed countries§	804 450	383 853,0	42	25	n/a	2,5	55	84	112	n/a	870	24	17	81	55	49	27	900	79	74	30	26	75	65	57	31	28	37	55	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Developing countries§	5 432 837	#####	65	39	n/a	4	67	51	71	n/a	450	76	15	94	76	71	39	2 000	89	86	51	49	90	84	79	17	15	22	46	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Sub-Saharan Africa	767 218	383 988,0	52	30	n/a	1,3	50	89	148	n/a	920	22	15	81	45	42	24	1 800	75	70	28	24	77	68	62	36	34	25	48	30	37	19			
Western and Central Africa	388 292	197 113,0	57	35	n/a	1,3	50	97	169	n/a	1100	17	15	77	41	37	20	480	67	58	26	20	77	66	60	34	35	28	55	28	29	14			
Eastern and Southern Africa	378 926	186 875,0	41	24	n/a	1,4	50	80	123	n/a	760	29	14	88	48	48	28	1 300	83	81	30	27	78	69	65	38	33	20	43	36	46	28			
Middle East and North Africa	389 176	153 178,0	86	67	n/a	1,6	69	36	46	n/a	210	140	12	94	78	71	39	28	86	81	67	62	93	85	75	10	8	12	23	n/a	n/a	n/a			
East Asia and Pacific	1 984 273	559 872,0	81	67	n/a	6,8	72	22	27	n/a	150	350	6	96	81	75	59	41	98	97	60	62	98	98	93	11	10	12	25	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Latin America and Caribbean	566 646	197 226,0	92	82	n/a	1,5	73	22	26	n/a	130	280	9	97	73	86	52	55	94	95	69	74	97	97	91	11	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
South Asia	1 567 187	614 747,0	52	30	n/a	4,1	64	59	78	n/a	500	59	27	94	84	57	23	110	88	83	n/a	n/a	84	74	63	13	12	32	58	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Central and Esatern europe	405 992	100 110,0	93	92	n/a	1,6	68	22	25	n/a	46	1300	6	99	86	94	81	11	92	90	79	75	99	99	97	5	5	11	13	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Industrialized countries§	974 913	204 334,0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,9	79	5	6	n/a	8	8000	7	100	98	100	99	6	95	96	91	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			

Definition of the indicators

GDP per capita: Gross domestic product (GDP) is the sum of value added by all resident producers plus any product taxes (less subsidies) not included in the valuation of output. GDP per capita is gross domestic product divided by midyear population. Growth is calculated from constant price GDP data in local currency.

Life expectancy at birth: The number of years newborn children would live if subject to the mortality risks prevailing for their cross section of the population at the time of their birth.

Infant mortality rate: Probability of dying between birth and exactly one year of age expressed per 1,000 live births.

Under-five mortality rate: Probability of dying between birth and exactly five years of age expressed per 1,000 live births.

Maternal mortality ratio: Annual number of deaths of women from pregnancy-related causes per 100,000 live births. This "reported" column shows country-reported figures that are not adjusted for under-reporting and misclassification.

Lifetime risk of maternal death: The lifetime risk of maternal death takes into account both the probability of becoming pregnant and the probability of dying as a result of that pregnancy accumulated across a woman's reproductive year.

Low birthweight: Infants who weigh less than 2,500 grams.

Primary school net enrolment ratio: The number of children enrolled in primary school who are of official primary school age, expressed as a percentage of the total number of children of official primary school age.

Secondary school net enrolment ratio: The number of children enrolled in secondary school who are of official secondary school age, expressed as a percentage of the total number of children of official secondary school age.

Adult literacy rate: Percentage of the population aged 15 and older who can read and write.

Child labour: Percentage of children aged 5-14 involved in child labour at the moment of the survey. A child is considered to be involved in child labour under the following conditions: (a) children 5-11 years of age who, during the week preceding the survey, did at least one hour of economic activity or at least 28 hours of domestic work and (b) children 12-14 years of age who, during the week preceding the survey, did at least 14 hours of economic activity or at least 28 hours of domestic work.

Child marriage: Percentage of women 20-24 who were married or in union before they were 18 years old.

Female genital mutilation/cutting:

(a) Women - the percentage of women aged 15-49 years of age who have been mutilated/cut.

(b) Daughters - the percentage of women aged 15-49 with at least one mutilated/cut daughter.

Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) involves the cutting or alteration of the female genitalia for social reasons. Generally, there are three types of FGM/C: clitoridectomy, excision and infibulation.

Clitoridectomy is the removal of the prepuce with or without excision of all or part of the clitoris. Excision is the removal of the prepuce and clitoris along with all or part of the labia minora. Infibulation is the most severe form and consists of removal of all or part of the external genitalia, followed by joining together of the two sides of the labia minora using threads, thorns or other materials to narrow the vaginal opening.

UNDP Index: Human Development Index Ranking: